Dublin, May 22. 1851

My dear Friend – Do you remember the talk we had on our way from Carlsbad about Miss Martineau & opinions of the Howitts? how I greatly honor sincerity Miss Martineau but I know she is apt to jump to conclusions on insufficient evidence. With an eagle flight she glances in lofty mood over facts and is apt to pounce upon results & discard those who have not such powerful pinions of the mind as herself. Above all the literary people of England with the exception of Miss M. there is none I have shown the same antipathy to Howitts. I don't think they would be obstreperous in America, but such as they are, they are worth having here. They have been very kind, hospitable & respectful to me & would feel it an affront if I declined I think they [illegible] Howitt is a tender, vain man, but very clever and a wife devoted in the right direction. Many items by. She is a smart thinker, unaffected Howitt I greatly admire. I hope you may see her, I think hers address is 20. Upper Avenue Road, Regents Park. It is beyond the Park near the foot of Primrose Hill – not more than 2 miles from you – perhaps not nearly so far. I have no correspondence with them – but I have seen and may they but hundreds from them.

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May God in mercy so rule and overrule as that we may
be to you a friendly hint for the sake of the cause

The whole case of Nannie Gracie with Saunders
is difficult of comprehension, like the squabble between
other parties that one has had to be personal means
of advertising. My impression always has been that
when Nannie foolishly entered into relations with an
unscrupulous person, and then cried out bitterly, when
he was beaten. He could have looked for nothing better.
He has the self importance of vanity of the author
tribe - but he yields a strong hand in matters like
of, if you will only take them in hand. I am almost
sure you could like N. H. She is no archangel -
but she is good, for all that.

I long to be to London for nothing so much as to
see your wife. I am trying to wait tho I can so
little an easy mind - I want to bring some of my
both on earth people with me if possible, as well as "my old
woman"

Your ever truly & respectfully

Richd D Webb

To Wm Chapman

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